



Diversity forum fights for minorities

KEITH WHISENANT
STAFF WRITER

What was expected to be a clash of the titans representing opposing sides of President Janet Dudley-Eshbach's diversity plan was instead greeted with overwhelming support for the controversial initiatives on March 8 in Devilbliss Hall.

Concerned students and faculty

dialogue," said Pat Daly, a 21-year-old Political Science major.

"Having the opposers of the diversity initiative be openly vocal about their views was needed, but missed," said Darren Jackson, President of the SSU chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"If someone feels so strongly about an issue to publically announce it,

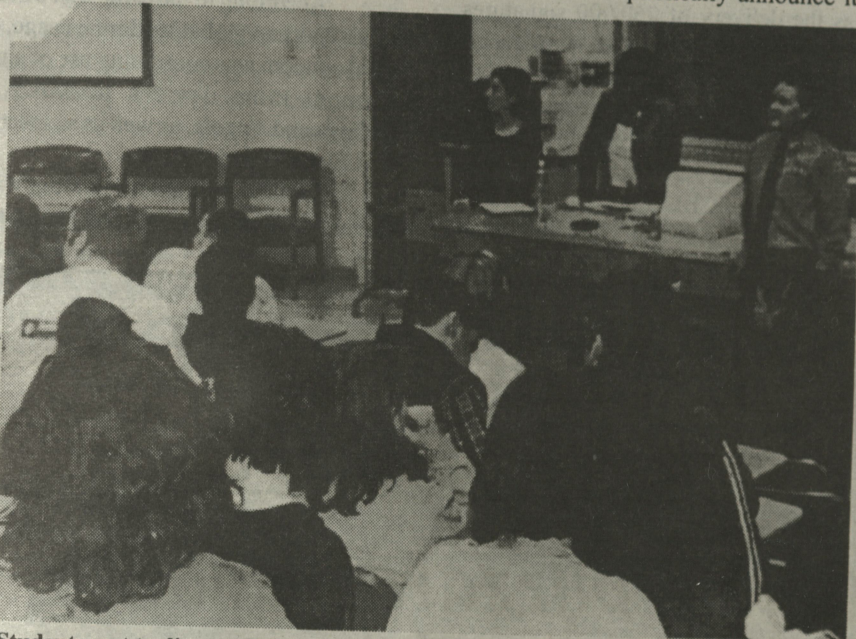
to fund this venture will be generated from University revenues and institutional funding. Also, the creation of a position of Minority Student Achievement Specialist will be implemented, as well as the creation of the Hispanic Opportunity for Learning Assistance also known as H.O.L.A. Williamson also stated the desire for the University to meet with African-American and Hispanic leaders in the greater Salisbury area, as well as commencing a search for a full-time Director of International Education Studies to be filled by July 1st of this year.

One opposing issue was the concern of overcrowding with some students projecting the thought, "We already don't

have enough room." Williamson went on to assure students and faculty that the initiative is not to increase the student body, but to diversify the University while having academic standards remain the same. Williamson also stated that the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (UMES) and SSU would renew their efforts to strengthen opportunities for academic and social change.

When full discussion amongst students and faculty went underway, the issue of campus climate came to light. Most, if not all students attending the meeting found the University to representative of a "White Upper Middle Class" environ-

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The Flyer/ Erin Hurley

Students met to discuss diversity issues last Thursday night in Devilbliss Hall.

who were believed to represent both sides of the issue gathered together in room 149 to discuss their feelings and decipher the potential effects of the President's diversity initiative. Once discussion was underway, representation of the opposition to the initiative was non-existent.

"I am not surprised at the lack of opposition, when you have a situation such as this, the crusaders must begin the

they should be willing to vocalize it as well," Jackson said.

Topics covered at the meeting were the initiation of the seven proposals, which were discussed by Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Carol Williamson. According to Williamson, \$76,000 of University funds will be allocated to the office of admissions for implementation of a Partnership of Success program. The money

Buchanan named new Provost and vice president

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dr. David H. Buchanan, dean of West Chester, PA College of Arts and Sciences has been named the new provost and academic vice president at Salisbury State University. Buchanan has over three decades of experience in administration and will be officially inducted into his SSU tenure on July 1.

"Dr. Buchanan brings a breadth of experience working with a large complex school of arts and sciences," said SSU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "He is strong on consensus-building, shared governance and, like SSU's faculty, is committed to high academic standards."

Buchanan worked closely with

local businesses, industry and arts organizations at West Chester. One recent result of such collaborations was a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Product Development, named by the Eastern Technology Council as the Best New Educational Program of the Year in the Greater Philadelphia region. CAS also developed two other new degrees during his tenure, both firsts for the Pennsylvania State System: the B.A. in Women's Studies and an M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the latter immediately attracting over \$200,000 in private funding. Buchanan overcame a \$140,000 annual budget deficit and eventually generated surpluses, which he then used to create small startup research budgets for faculty.

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In Case You Missed It...

New data shows America's new face

Exploding Hispanic and Asian populations are rapidly changing the face of America at the start of the new millennium, the latest Census Bureau figures show. The 2000 census data provide a complex statistical portrait of America, with hundreds of thousands of people taking advantage of a new opportunity to tell the government that they were of more than one race.

Because of changes in federal guidelines for collecting statistics on race and ethnicity, Census 2000 was the first which allowed people to "mark one or more races."

The state-by-state data, made available first to New Jersey, Mississippi, Virginia and Wisconsin, will "illustrate the depth and breadth of our racial and ethnic diversity," said Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Long anticipated gains in the Asian and Hispanic populations also became evident, with growth especially in the biggest and fastest-growing counties. Among the findings released Thursday:

The Hispanic population soared 148 percent in Mississippi, from 15,931 in 1990 to 39,569 in 2000. The Hispanic population also more than doubled in Wisconsin, growing 107 percent to 192,921; and Virginia, increasing 106 percent to 329,540.

The white population in New Jersey stayed about the same, possibly increasing by no more than 2.1 percent to 6.3 million, but the Asian population jumped at least 77 percent to a minimum of 480,276.

Between the four states, 443,740 people selected more than one race, and 59 percent of them were age 18 and over.

Bush feels 'momentum' for tax plan

President Bush again returned to the topic of his planned tax cuts Saturday, saying he sees broad support for his initiative - but he also admitted he is willing to compromise on details to get a bill passed.

"Support for tax relief is building," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "I feel the momentum for tax relief everywhere I travel in this country." Bush insisted that the "sputtering" economy needs the shot in the arm his proposal could supply.

"Economic growth has stalled. Consumer confidence is falling," he said. "... And the best way to respond is to get more money into the hands of Americans, who will buy products and build businesses and create jobs."

But at the same time, the president acknowledged in interviews with *The*

Washington Post and *The New York Times* that he was willing to abandon elements of his plan to reach accord on a set of tax cuts that will pass muster in Congress.

Bush is so optimistic about prevailing on his basic ideas, however, that he is already considering another round of tax cuts in 2002, the *Post* reported.

3,500 honor airmen killed in crash

Master Sgt. Michael Lane, in his tuxedo, beamed from his wedding portrait. Tech Sgt. Edwin Richardson's name glistered on a trophy won by a baseball team he once coached. Golf clubs, a purple teddy bear, a Harley Davidson beer mug and a yellow firefighter's helmet also were displayed Saturday at a memorial service for 18 Virginia National Guard airmen who died March 3 in a military plane crash in Georgia.

They died while "doing something they believed in to their core: serving their country, their state and their communities," Gov. Jim Gilmore told 3,500 family members, service personnel and others at the nondenominational Rock Church.

Three combat helmets and pairs of boots were displayed at the church to honor the Florida National Guardsmen who also were killed. The three, the pilot and two crew members of the plane, will be honored at a memorial service Sunday in Florida.

The 18 Virginia victims belonged to the 203rd Red Horse Flight unit, which can mobilize to build roads, repair runways, construct buildings, dig wells and provide support for U.S. forces. They were returning after a two-week training mission in Florida.

"Your loved ones, in the tradition of the military, would simply say, 'Carry on in our stead,'" said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "And that you will do." In a letter read during the service, President Bush praised the airmen as patriots.

"We all mourn together at their sudden and unexpected loss," Bush wrote. In front of the church stood large photographs of each of the guardsmen, along with wreaths and flags. After the ceremony, mourners filed outside to watch four Air National Guard F-16s fly above the church in "missing man" formation. One jet peeled away from the others to symbolize the fallen men.

Landmine ban activists seek action

Leaders of the anti-landmine movement - including Nobel laureate Jody Williams, who has used her prize to exhort governments, especially U.S. leaders, for inaction to ban the mines - planned a vocal round of demonstrations Saturday in

Washington.

Williams was part of a coalition of activists from more than 90 countries who were in Washington for Ban Landmines Week, a set of protests coordinated by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the organization Williams headed when she won the Nobel in 1997.

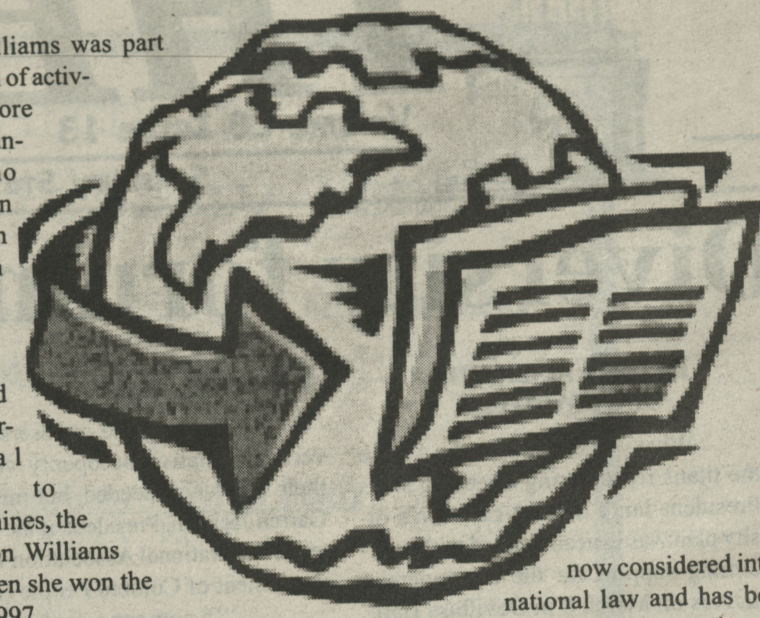
Among the planned events was the delivery of 250,000 signatures to the White House as a show of support for their cause. Activists says as many as 80 million landmines are still buried in 80 countries, killing 8,000 people a year and leaving another 1,200 maimed.

The ICBL and other anti-mine activists have urged the United States to sign the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, which is

now considered international law and has been ratified by at least 100 nations.

According to the campaign's 2000 annual report on global landmine usage, of special concern was continuing use of anti-personnel mine devices in Kosovo, Chechnya and Angola, as well as suspected use in Burundi and Sudan.

The United States, along with Russia and China, have not yet joined the treaty.



Overheard on Red Square

Giant blizzard headed for Salisbury!....

What? You believed the weather guys, why wouldn't you believe us?

Florida, Cancun, the Bahamas...

Surely SSU students will use their time away on spring break to learn about new and different cultures rather than just party.

Oops! We did it again...

The Flyer didn't come out 'til Thursday last week... Better late than never!

SSU holds reception To thank legislators

CAITLIN GORDON SPECIAL TO THE FLYER

A reception to honor Maryland Legislators was held Tuesday night at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. The Alumni Relations Committee and Public Relations Office with the help of President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and others organized the Sea Gull Pride Reception.

"The purpose of this event was to get Salisbury State University in the hearts and minds of Maryland legislators. It's an opportunity to meet with legislators socially and visit with them informally. We want to let them know we appreciate the support they have given us," said President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

Attendees networked and mingled around the atrium as they nibbled on delicious food catered to the event. Selected alumni, students and faculty were invited as well as members of the legislature.

"I appreciate the opportunity and think it's really nice that Salisbury has extended an invitation to all the legislative members to come and join them at such a festive occasion. I enjoy coming to these

events because of the people I meet. We think President Dudley-Eshbach is doing a great job and we appreciate what is happening in Salisbury and we'll continue our support in every way we can," said Delegate Paul Stull.

"I think it's important that we have the opportunity to be with our constituents at Salisbury State University, to keep in touch with what's happening on campus and to learn more about what their financial requests are," said Delegate Joanne Parrott.

SSU received generous legislative support in the proposal of the name change to Salisbury University and funding for the construction of the new science building.

"We wanted to say thank you to the Delegates and Senators who have helped Salisbury accomplish its mission and I think it was very successful. I definitely think there will be more of these done in the future," said Hugh Hanson, President of Alumni Relations.

"I think everyone had a really good time and it was a great opportunity to connect with alumni, professors, and delegates in a relaxed atmosphere," said SSU student Carson Friedman.

SSU faculty member Suffers rare disorder

Spasmodic Dysphonia causes speech impairment for one of SSU's top educators

LAUREN BASS STAFF WRITER

A rare voice disorder known as Spasmodic Dysphonia plagues many adults, including SSU psychology professor, Dr. Eugene White. Spasmodic Dysphonia mostly affects those in the 40 to 50 year age group. The cause of this central nervous system is unknown, however, abnormal functioning in the basal ganglia portion of the brain is a major contributor.

The spasms this disorder causes interrupt the speech, affecting the sound of the voice. According to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, two types of the disorder exist. The more common adductor type causes excessive contraction of the muscles, bringing the vocal cords together. This results in broken speech patterns and short breaks. The second most common form of Dysphonia, abductor, is an over contraction of the muscles separating the vocal cords, resulting in breathy and

whispery patterns.

Symptoms vary throughout the day, becoming aggravated by certain speaking situations, especially when talking on the telephone or encountering stress. Symptoms may improve or disappear when whispering, laughing, or singing. Devices such as portable sound systems and microphones, such as those Dr. White uses help compensate for the effects. No definite tests for Spasmodic Dysphonia exist. Diagnosis rests on the presence of some symptoms and the lack of others. Treatments are intended to lessen the symptoms, but not completely cure the disorder. The most effective treatment, Botulinum Toxin Injections, BIX, weakens the vocal cord muscles, reducing the spasms. This treatment can also improve speech, by reducing the breathiness and effort required for speech.

This disorder is one of the most misdiagnosed conditions in speech-language pathology.

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University labeled 'cold and discriminative' at forum

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ment. The issue of current campus diversity was discussed, as well with students mentioning how they feel underrepresented on campus.

"The school hasn't been where it can be, once more minorities are admitted there will be a difference, the school has been robbed of diversity," said Jackson.

One man who attended the forum seemed to feel that there was mistreatment of diverse students and minorities on campus through curriculum and especially through the overall attitude of others on campus. One onlooker stated that the University's "white faculty doesn't really cover diverse issues," as well as the University needing "teachers who express a more diverse opinion."

There were many complaints of the comfort factor on campus as being cold and discriminative.

"People need to become more aware of the outside world, and as a campus we are definitely not diverse. I think this will cause people to mature and have an open mind because they will be mingling with people from other cultures and people may even become less prejudiced towards others," exclaimed 19-year-old sophomore Tracy Golden.

DeJuan Wilson, a 22-year-old Physics and Electrical Engineering major, captured the room and broke all tension with his resounding words on the state of the current campus climate. "You can make it as numerically diverse as possible,

but everyone has to have a good attitude," he said.

Joining Wilson in his appeal for a more diverse campus was 19-year-old sophomore and Communication major Damon Dorsey. Dorsey provoked discussion of unspoken apprehension between students on campus and how the University itself should represent the outside world. "The President is making a conscious effort, and to just try is a major step. It will show minorities that if the President is willing to stand up, maybe this is a University that minorities would potentially be interested in attending."

Also represented prominently at the forum were students from the gay and lesbian community. Many of these students expressed concerns of their own personal safety on campus, as well as opened the eyes of many in the room. Scott Hobbs, an 18-year-old freshman as well as President of BT GLASS (Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender, Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support) discussed the issue of safety on campus by saying "We need to educate and teach people tolerance. Education creates safety," he said. Several gay students at the meeting expressed their concern of safety from verbal harassment, leering, staring. There were also complaints of unwarranted avoidance, such as walking up into the grass or purposely walking extreme distances away from openly gay students in public. Matt Ripa, a 19-year-old freshman

and history major offered his thoughts on campus safety and protection of diverse students.

"More harassment needs to be reported to campus police and printed in the Crime Beat section of *The Flyer*, which will make students more aware," Ripa said.

"Salisbury's campus is in definite need of diversification," said Brian House, a 22-year-old senior and marketing major. "Our University does not reflect the diverse environment that we will be working in, nor does it represent Salisbury as a whole. Although I am excited to see that the University is doing something about this issue, I do not think they went about it in the right manner. Instead of seeking public acceptance and media acknowledgment, our school system should have stepped forth to solve and deal with this issue long ago."

President Dudley-Eshbach joined the meeting soon after its commencement and offered words of encouragement and thoughts about the diversification process.

"This is what a University is all about, talking and disagreeing, it's about discussion," she said. President Eshbach realizes that many people have grave concerns and there is even a relative fear that some donors and alumni will not commence with their donations as a result of the initiatives.

"Change is difficult, it's the sign of a healthy campus that there is debate and disagreement," Eshbach said. "We have to be comfortable with different types of people to be successful in life." She also assured the assembled group that Salisbury

State was a selective university and will remain a selective university.

Though both students and faculty who support President Dudley-Eshbach's measures feel that they have a long way to go, many are willing to devote their time and efforts in any way possible.

"I think this meeting was very successful, I plan to join the student committee in which everyone's opinion counts," Dorsey said.

David "Dash" Howard found one issue left untouched in the meeting. "They forgot to mention the mural on the construction site," he said. "There is one African-American who is portrayed on the wall who has no face, no smile, no expressions, and who is covered by a hat, which portrays some minorities as having no identity. They should illustrate a picture of a diverse society."

Jackson felt the issue of scholarship money available to students was covered lethargically. "The University should keep financial aid money going toward those who have achieved and advertise its availability more to local communities. The University needs to be more vocal and give to under-represented groups in the same manner that UMES has done."

Upon conclusion of the forum, most students and several faculty members remained and congregated with one another in a sign of solidarity and desire for a more diverse campus, while sharing personal thoughts with one another on the issues at hand.

Search for provost ends West Chester Dean of Arts & Sciences finds new home at SSU

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Prior to West Chester, Buchanan was a chemistry professor and department chair at Eastern Illinois University. Extensively published, particularly in the field of coal research, he earned his doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1969. He is also a 1964 honors graduate from Case Institute of Technology (OH).

"He has wonderful qualifications," said Dr. Carol Williamson, Vice President of Student Affairs and co-chair of the Provost Search Committee. "His experiences and credentials made him a top candidate of the SSU faculty."

"He has already dealt with many of the complex issues we're facing at Salisbury," said Dr. Elizabeth Curtin, Faculty Senate President and Search Committee co-chair. "He sought out his faculty's strengths, then encouraged their development. He's genuinely interested in educa-

tion and students."

The Search Committee of 18 SSU faculty, administrators, staff and students, as well as a representative of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore—SSU's sister institution 12 miles away—reviewed 94 candidates before bringing six finalists to campus in February. Both Curtin and Williamson said the finalist pool was strong. After input from the campus and Committee, Dr. Dudley-Eshbach made the final selection.

Buchanan said SSU first caught his eye when the campus hosted the 1998 National Conference on Undergraduate Research. From then on, he said that SSU's name kept popping up, from its national ranking in U.S. News & World Report to news stories about creative faculty and programs.

"The more I learned about the school, the more I liked it," said Buchanan.

Controversial writer and education critic to speak Acclaimed author Alfie Kohn to speak tonight about educational problems

JOSH DAVIDSON NEWS EDITOR

Alfie Kohn, a controversial writer and antagonist to contemporary educational trends in the U.S., and also the author of *The Case Against Standardized Testing*, will be speaking at SSU tonight. Kohn has written eight books, appeared on the Today Show and The Oprah Winfrey Show, and was coined "the country's most outspoken critic of education's fixation on grades and test scores" by Time magazine. Kohn will be lecturing at 7:30 in the Holloway Hall Auditorium.

On his Web site, www.alfiekohn.org, Kohn describes the current educational system as a "plague [that] has been sweeping through American schools, wiping out the most innovative instruction and beating down some of the best teachers and administrators. Ironically,

that plague has been unleashed in the name of improving schools. Invoking such terms as 'tougher standards,' 'accountability,' and 'raising the bar,' people with little understanding of how children learn have imposed a heavy-handed, top-down, test-driven version of school reform that is lowering the quality of education in this country."

Kohn constantly lectures to school faculties and parents at universities around the country, and he gives speeches at staff development seminars and national education conferences. Kohn's lecture tonight should be quite controversial and should cover many topics of interest to both college students and professors.

Alfie Kohn will be speaking tonight at 7:30 in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. Don't miss your chance to learn more about contemporary educational problems and how to fix them.



SSU students and college students worldwide have been subject to educational changes and "advancements" for years now. Some believe that because of such critics/writers as Alfie Kohn that America's educational system is beginning to change for the better.

VOICES

Do you think educators teach to simply pass tests or to actually learn?

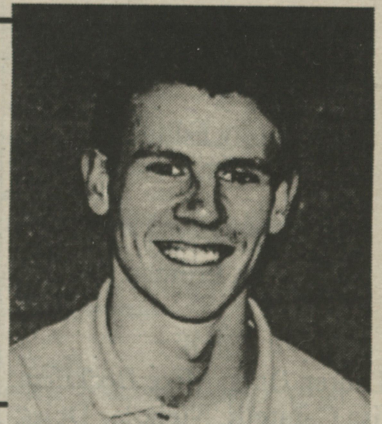


"For the most part they teach you to try to apply the knowledge that they give you."

Christina Brannock
-freshman

"The professors that are in my core courses teach me to learn, but the professors in my general ed. classes teach me more to pass exams."

Brian Corbett
-sophomore



"My professors teach me to learn as apposed to teaching to take their tests."

Brian Bradshaw
-junior



"It differs for every professor I have ever had, and the different levels of classes...lower level teachers teach to pass the test, but higher level teachers teach to learn."

Heather Chapman
-senior



SSU's Department of Nursing Professor Dr. Elizabeth Rankin's (seated; left) book *Quick Reference for Psychopharmacology*—used by nurses to provide comprehensive care to psychiatric patients—recently received a 2001 Book of the Year Award from the *Journal of American Nursing*. Nursing faculty Jane Burns (standing; right), Dr. Ruth Carroll (seated; right) and Dr. Lisa Seldomridge (standing; left) also made contributions.

"Students like the book because it's easy to read and has numerous tables and charts for quick reference," said Rankin. "I've had colleagues comment on how easy it is to find whatever you need."

The book is required for many students in the SSU Nursing Department to supplement the standard text. Many colleges across the nation also have adopted the book, including the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore. It is also used by nurses in many psychiatric clinical areas.

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Editorial

Some cheese to go with my whine

I know you've all heard it before. There isn't an issue printed that does not, in some way, convey what a difficult task it is to produce *The Flyer* each and every week. So why am I beating a dead horse? Because what most of you don't know is that the reason the paper was not distributed last Tuesday was because Steve, the Sports Editor, and myself worked diligently in the office on Sunday night until 6 a.m., missing our weekly deadline set by the printing company. On Tuesday afternoon following a long day of classes, I filled up my gas tank with the last of my tip money from the weekend and set out for Dover, more than an hour's drive, to personally deliver *The Flyer* to the printing company.

"Boo-hoo," right? "Cry me a river?" Well, I didn't do it for my health and I certainly didn't do it for fun. I did it for the 20-plus writers who go out on interviews and write their stories every week. I did it for the three editors who spend their Sundays stuck in *The Flyer* office with their nitpicky Editor in Chief. I did it for the hundreds of members of the SSU community who have their names, their pictures, their quotes in the paper and look forward to seeing a piece of themselves in print. I am doing my job, plain and simple, and it seems as though fewer people appreciate that as weeks pass.

Take for example the diversity forum held last Thursday night. Someone said that *The Flyer* doesn't incorporate enough national and international issues into its content. Well, guess what? We are a campus newspaper, and we print stories that pertain to the SSU campus. You want bigger and better? Then buy a subscription to *The Post*, because unless you plan on appointing us with a full-time staff with the monetary means to whisk themselves off to Yugoslavia at a moment's notice, then

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The Flyer reserves the right to edit or refuse all materials submitted for publication based on clarity, space and appropriateness. *The Flyer* does not print letters of congratulations.

Signed opinion articles, letters to the editor and cartoons in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this staff or anyone connected with SSU. Unsigned editorials in *The Flyer* reflect the opinion of *The Flyer* editorial board, which consists of its four content editors.

I suggest you be satisfied with the fact that we are doing the absolute best we can.

Granted, there are incidents when *The Flyer* makes a mistake too grave to be excused, (see "Letter to the Editor" at bottom) but for the most part, I think that the staff of our only on-campus newspaper does a pretty good job.

Ultimately, *The Flyer* is for you. The stories, the pictures, and even the mistakes are entirely student-generated and, therefore, student-oriented. If we're excluding elements to our publication that you feel need to be implemented, please let us know. We cannot read the minds of 6,400 students. But above all else, don't criticize a hard-working, dedicated staff whose main purpose is to please you.

Letter to the Editor

Recycling article inaccurate

To the Editor:

In response to the article in *The Flyer* dated March 6, I would like to clarify several points where I was quoted. I informed members of the Environmental Studies Association of recent improvements in the recycling program. One of those improvements was the scheduling of materials collection and pick-up. I informed the ESA of several problems that have occurred in the past and of the changes implemented to alleviate those problems. Most of these problems were internal to the recycling program.

One of those examples was concerning the Commons. During the fall semester of 2000, a misunderstanding between recycling employees caused the Commons recyclables to not be on a routine scheduled pick-up for several weeks. These recyclables were tin cans and plastic bottles that contained food residue. As the materials backed-up on the loading dock of the Commons, it was noticed that the materials were attracting undesirable animals around the loading dock. I personally stated that I was concerned when I learned about the incident because it sounded like something the Health Department would have a problem with. I did not state that the Commons was in violation of the Health Department codes or requirements, and did not state that it was in

jeopardy of being closed. To clarify further, the Commons was never in violation of Health Department regulations and was never in jeopardy of being shut down. Until the matter was resolved by the recycling department, some of those recyclables, because of sanitation reasons, were disposed of in the garbage. Recycling at the Commons has been operating flawlessly since January 2001.

The University has recently hired a new Assistant Director of Physical Plant for Housekeeping, Mrs. Shirley Pinkett. As with any position vacancy, communication can be a problem. I will be in contact with Mrs. Pinkett concerning the recycling program and the responsibilities of the housekeepers. We will be implementing changes that will hopefully increase efficiency and volume. Richard Shaw
SSU Recycling Coordinator

Editor's note: The Flyer would like to extend its sincere apologies to the Commons and the campus community for the "ESA evaluates recycling program" article that ran in the 3/6 issue. The story, in no way, shape, or form, was intended to accuse or degrade our dining hall. For reasons unbeknownst to us, the writer included false information and misquoted individuals in the article, and for that, we are truly sorry.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

"... This policy specifically prohibits discrimination against students, faculty, and staff on the basis of sexual orientation in academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, housing, student programs and activities, recruitment, hiring, employment, appointment, promotion, tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of pay, selection for training and professional development, and employee services ..."

-From POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, July 11, 1997

We, the undersigned, submit this Open Letter as a statement of our commitment to the civil rights of everyone on campus, including students, faculty, and staff who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. Recent incidents of verbal harassment, exclusion, and discrimination in classrooms, residence halls, the Gull's Nest, and at the Student Activities Fair are unacceptable on a campus which publicly claims to value diversity.

Every individual on the Salisbury State University campus is a full member of this community, and we affirm the rights of all members of our community to be treated with equality, dignity, and respect. Acts of intolerance will not be tolerated, condoned, or ignored.

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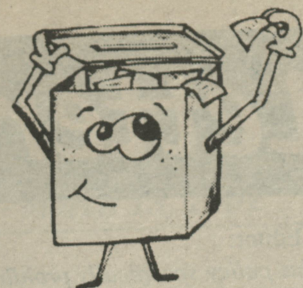
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Just a suggestion...

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty, and staff via the ten suggestion boxes placed around campus last December. Often these suggestions are written anonymously. The President's Office staff solicits responses from appropriate personnel to the problems raised. Not everything can be changed, but, when not, a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!



Suggestion #26: Victoria Embrey, senior: My suggestion is that a question should be added to teacher evaluations. I think it should be asked if we would ever take the teacher in a class again. It would serve the purpose of rating the teacher. The evaluations ask questions concerning syllabus, attendance, availability out of class, etc. I may have a teacher that rates high on these things, but I would never step foot in his or her classroom again. This question would also serve as rating the effectiveness of the teacher.

Provost Don Cathcart responds: At SSU, we do not employ a standard faculty/course evaluation form in soliciting student reactions. We do expect that all students are provided opportunities to evaluate, critique, and comment upon each course they take and each faculty member whose course they take. The primary purposes of student course/faculty evaluations are (a) to help faculty members assess student perceptions of course

experiences, and (b) to help faculty members improve instructional experiences and their own practices.

Departments employ a variety of instruments to obtain students' perceptions regarding courses and faculty members. Some of those instruments do ask the student if he or she would recommend the course/instructor to another student; some do not. Although we do not mandate the use of a common form, each school has the option of moving in the direction of a common form if the departments agree that it would be appropriate to do so. I will share this suggestion with the deans so departments may consider your very thoughtful and constructive suggestion.

My personal belief is that if student evaluations are to serve their intended purposes, (1) the design of the instrument is best left to the departments; (2) evaluations should be administered via a standardized/controlled procedure; and (3) the evaluations should be shared

with only the faculty member, chair, and tenure or comprehensive review committee as appropriate.

Suggestion #34: Katie McCann: The library needs more lighting. A suggestion would be to place reading lamps on the tables and on the desks.

Judith Fischer, Interim Dean of the Library responds: Blackwell Library has made a conscious effort over winter break to replace ceiling lights on both floors of the library. We will continue to monitor this situation, and request replacement of ceiling lights as soon as possible.

I appreciate your suggestion to place lamps on every desk, but the library's budget will not cover these costs. Along with the costs associated with individual lamps, are the costs to install electrical outlets under tables and desks. If there is a particular area of the library that requires additional lighting, please tell a reference librarian or someone at the circulation desk. It may be a simple matter of replacing lights, or making sure a bank of lights has been turned on at the circuit breaker. Thanks again for your suggestion.

Suggestion #25: Anonymous: We could use a fan upstairs in the Nautilus room. Somehow they always disappear and there hasn't been one for a while now. [Also,] sign out magazines while working out upstairs so no one steals them. Buy current magazine subscriptions.

Carol Williamson, Vice President of Student Affairs responds: The Nautilus Room is air conditioned and the temperature should be appropriate except at those times of the year when conversions from AC to Heat and from Heat to AC are occurring. Fans do get moved all about the building and if one is needed a contact with the facilities manager will bring results.

Magazines for the Nautilus Room are provided by the Library and the University Center as a money-saving effort. Student fees totally support the Nautilus Room, and recycling magazines is viewed as a way to stabilize these fees.

Suggestion #35: Amanda Zych, senior: The [computer] lab should be open the first week of classes! I am very upset with this and would appreciate it being open ASAP!

Crystal Scott, senior: The lab in the University Center needs to be open the first week of school for students who are willing to start on the new semester early.

Jerry Waldron, SSU's Computer Information Officer, responds: While student staffing is a problem, the lab is not closed for this reason in early fall. The UC lab is closed because of the career and computer service new student orientations. All the other labs are booked just about solid during this time. The only place to hold these classes is in the UC lab. Since they run just about all day, there is no time for students to get into the lab. Because most of these classes are held in the first week or two of school, we schedule them all in UC and keep it closed. The UC opens as soon as the classes are done.

Suggestion #21: Anonymous senior: I think that it is unbelievable that computer labs that students depend on are closed during finals. What is going on? These computers are essential!

Jerry Waldron responds: This statement is not accurate. Some computer labs are open during final exams. During the last week of class, the Fulton Hall labs were open 24 hours per day with volunteer staff on duty. During finals week, the FH labs were also open. The UC lab hours change during this period based on student use and availability of student employees. Student employees usually do not want to work during final exams for obvious reasons. Lab hours are posted on the web and in the labs.

Got a suggestion?
Drop it in the box!

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SSU on edge for upcoming spring break College students have a wide variety of plans for their week off

KRISTEN MARTIN
FEATURES EDITOR

Spring Break is one of the most anticipated holidays by students nationwide. Many have been planning the wildest and most exotic vacations imaginable, splurging hard earned cash for a week of fun under the sun.

In American culture, it is accepted that Spring Break as a "legitimized period of time within our calendar in which everything is turned upside down." Elaine Showalter, professor of English at Princeton University, compares Spring Break to an updated version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"Roles of society are reversed; women behave like men, men behave like women, servants behave like their masters. Spring Break is the absolute reverse of the semester where rules are upside down," Showalter said.

Society appears to accept the idea that kids will break rules and break daily culture expectations. Endless partying, week long drunkenness, and sexual experi-

mentation are glamorized by the media (especially MTV's Spring Break).

In fact Lifestyles condoms is using this year's Spring Break to advertise and promote their product, which seems to condone the acceptability of teens having sex. They are teaming up with local radio stations across the country to "offer fun and safety to this year's Spring Break party."

"We participate in Spring Break activities because young college students are often in situations, where they need to be reminded that fun can and should be safe too," said Carol Carroza, director of marketing.

Spring Break should be a time to let loose and unfold from all the stress the semester has built up. However, just because TV and magazines emphasize rebellion and promote outlandish behavior that does not necessarily mean students should feel they have to live up to the wild images. Spring Breakers can have fun many other ways as well.

For those who do not have reservations for a week to lay on warm sand



The Flyer/ Erin Hurley

Panama City is a popular Spring Break among students across the country.

and go swimming in the ocean, there are still many awesome activities to engage in. Road trips to visit past high school chums, as well as trips into New York, Baltimore

and Philadelphia could lend for a fun-filled adventure. Even Ocean City could be an option. So enjoy your well deserved Spring Break SSU, however you plan to spend it.

Writers on the Shore meets music review How O'Brien speech spawned new thoughts on lyrical meaning

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STAFF WRITER

I had never heard of author Tim O'Brien before my English professor informed me that if I went to his speech March 7, I would get bonus points. So, much like many other students on campus attempting to boost a grade, I jumped at the chance and attended his speech. Days later, the words he said were still ringing in my head. O'Brien explained that certain words induce memories and hold meanings beyond their dictionary definitions. I saw this as a significant point in the music world as well. Lyrics, similar to words in a novel, often are interpreted differently though individual experiences that listeners hold. A song can be written by an artist meaning one thing, and conveyed in a different way by a listener.

There are many examples of this type of lyrical meaning. U2 has always been a band in which every song they write has meaning. Whether it be about faith in God or politics, the music is driven, and is

from the heart. Their song, "The Sweetest Thing" has an interesting story. It was released in 1998, but actually written during the recordings of *Joshua Tree* in 1987. The song was a birthday gift from Bono to his wife, Ali. Bono could not be there to celebrate her birthday, so to make up for that he wrote a song for her. The song "One" is one of U2's more controversial and debated songs. People today are still not sure of its true meaning. I saw a special on VH1 profiling U2; Bono was talking about hearing "One" played at weddings. He laughed, encouraged the public to listen to the lyrics, and said "It's not a love song."

When I listened to the track I heard three different meanings in the lyrics-- that of love, homosexuality, and AIDS. This variety of interpretations in words is exactly what O'Brien was trying to explain.

The Beatles' later pieces of work have ambiguous meaning to them as well. Their songs involved depression, loneliness, and rejection. McCartney and

Lennon began writing darker and deeper love songs. An example of this is the song "Hey Jude." Originally entitled "Hey Jules," this song was written by Paul McCartney for John Lennon's son Julian after John and his first wife, Cynthia, decided to get a divorce. McCartney was trying to cheer up the child with the lyrics: "Hey Jude/ Don't make it bad/ Take a sad song/ And make it better." Strangely enough, John Lennon originally thought the song was written for him, in support of his new relationship with Yoko Ono.

To find a more recent example of this, you can look at Dave Matthews. On his newest album, *Everyday*, he wrote a very personal track entitled "If I Had It All." In *Rolling Stone* magazine, Matthews said he had to battle his own personal demons to complete this record. The first version of the new album was trashed because the music was too "depressing." To most of us Dave Matthews seems like a man who has it all, but in his own mind, he does not. "If I Had It All" speaks about

how it is impossible for him to have everything. He sings, "If I were a king/ If I had everything/ If I had you and could give you your dreams/ If I were giant-sized, on top of it all/ Tell me what in the world would I sing for/ If I had it all." Every artist needs motivation, without it, they have nothing. If he had it all, he would have nothing to sing about.

Every song has different meanings to different people. That is the great thing about music, it has the ability to be conveyed in these different ways. Music is indeed an art form. A song can be picked apart lyrically, word by word, and you still may not come up with the meaning the artist was trying to relate. Songs can put you in different places and take us back to the past. I think a very fitting quote on this topic was said by Bob Marley. He has been quoted to say, "One good thing about music is that you feel no pain. So hit me with music...hit me with music."

Local club tries to attract College students and teens

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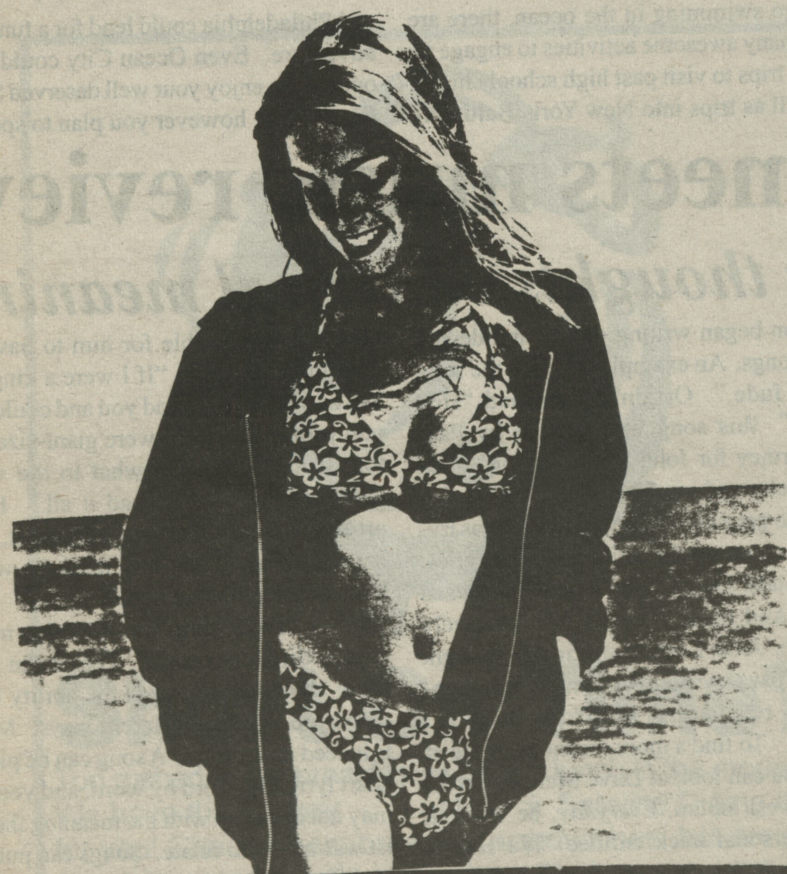
Although Salisbury is a college town, there are not many legal activities available and affordable to students. Some would say the nightlife here leaves much to be desired. Now however, there is a new option open to those looking for a night of fun. Club 180, located on Morris Road in Pittsville, MD is the perfect hot spot for all of those whom enjoy good music and dancing.

Now in its second year, Club 180 is trying to attract college students. The club is run by Promise Land Campground and was opened so young adults would have a safe place to go have a good time. There is no alcohol served at the club, so everyone is welcome. It is open the last Saturday of every month from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and there is no admission at the door. Club 180 is jammed packed full of fun, with something for everyone. There are live bands, light shows, a dance floor, and plenty of food. If you are not up for dancing, there is no need to worry, you can hang out in the lounge or play a game with a friend. The club has a wide variety of games including pool tables, ping-pong tables, air hockey, football, and even basketball

and volleyball courts.

It is an easy drive from college and affordable as well. So the question is, why haven't you gone to Club 180 yet? On Saturday March 31, the club welcomes live entertainment, Mandel Copeland and NU Generation. This urban and R&B band is sure to be a hit. In April, the club is planning a swing dance theme and competition. Club 180 is hoping to expand, and if the demand is great enough, they will open their doors for a special college night one weekend a month. While the club is trying to reach out to a new audience, their goal still remains the same. In a time where drugs, alcohol, and peer pressure are overpowering college students, Club 180 wants students to have a safe, but fun place to go on Saturday nights.

If you would like more information on Club 180, please call (410) 835-2522. This number can also be called to get directions to the club. Kirby, the program director, is eager to hear new ideas and suggestions. He hopes that the club will be able to successfully attract a college crowd, and is looking forward to seeing a packed club at the end of this month. So what are you waiting for? Go check out Club 180 for a good time on Saturday night!



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Faculty Spotlight Dr. I.E. White

LIZ WOOD
STAFF WRITER

When notified that he was chosen for faculty spotlight, Dr. I.E. White of the Psychology department asked that the article be concentrated more on his unique throat condition than on his personal accomplishments within the university.

White suffers from a malady known as spasmodic dysphonia. This neurological condition keeps the vocal chords from opening and closing properly, resulting in a difficulty to get sounds out.

The disease hurt White both professionally and personally. Before undergoing corrective surgery, this past summer, getting through daily life was a chore. As a professor, whose chief duty is to give lectures, the disorder was a nightmare.

"I had to push the sounds out so that they could be heard," said White. He would use a microphone to amplify his voice and always requested that he not be scheduled two classes back to back because it became difficult to speak for longer than 50 minutes. White had to stop doing presentations and giving talks on his research as well.

Spasmodic dysphonia made him hesitant in performing normal things such as going to parties and speaking on the telephone. "Telephones were enemies," White said. Eventually he stopped answering the phone completely. It was awkward explaining his condition for every phone call he had to make, which caused him to rely on his wife for nearly everything. "I didn't like calling people at all," he said.

His condition would vary at times, and sometimes White would not be able to speak at all while other times he would only be able to whisper and often with stuttering. There was never any physical pain, but he never knew what would come out when he opened his mouth.

He suffered through spasmodic dysphonia for 10 years and it is not until recently that he was given treatment. White had to be treated with a Botox injection to the vocal chords every three months. The drug paralyzes the vocal chords so that they do not open and close abnormally. Although the treatment helped, he would still have problems speaking.

White's life has made a dramatic turn around after undergoing corrective



Dr. I.E. White, of the Psychology Department, recently underwent surgery to repair his vocal chords, which were damaged by a rare disease known as spasmodic dysphonia.

surgery. Although he still speaks as if he has a sore throat, he can now answer the phone, go to parties, and already has three regional presentations scheduled for this spring. He enjoys sitting and talking with people he does not know. Before, White had just enough energy to get through classes. "Now I have lots of energy," he said. White will never have to have another injection again.

White wants others who might have spasmodic dysphonia to be informed of his success with the surgery. He says many of those who suffer are misdiagnosed because many doctors cannot identify it. "It isn't a well-known disorder," he said.

A staff member of SSU since 1978, White approaches his classes with renewed vigor. One of the most popular classes he teaches is Human Sexuality. "There are about twice as many students interested than can be accommodated." He also teaches Psychology of Men and Effective Parenting.

Off campus, White finds the time to serve as a counselor/educator with Peninsula Mental Health Services. As a licensed clinical professional counselor he is currently working with a group of employees who have lost their jobs after 20 years of service. Without his surgery, White would not be able to take this position. His quality of life has improved dramatically since the procedure.

Submit your ideas for Student/Faculty
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Student Spotlight Matt Sochurek

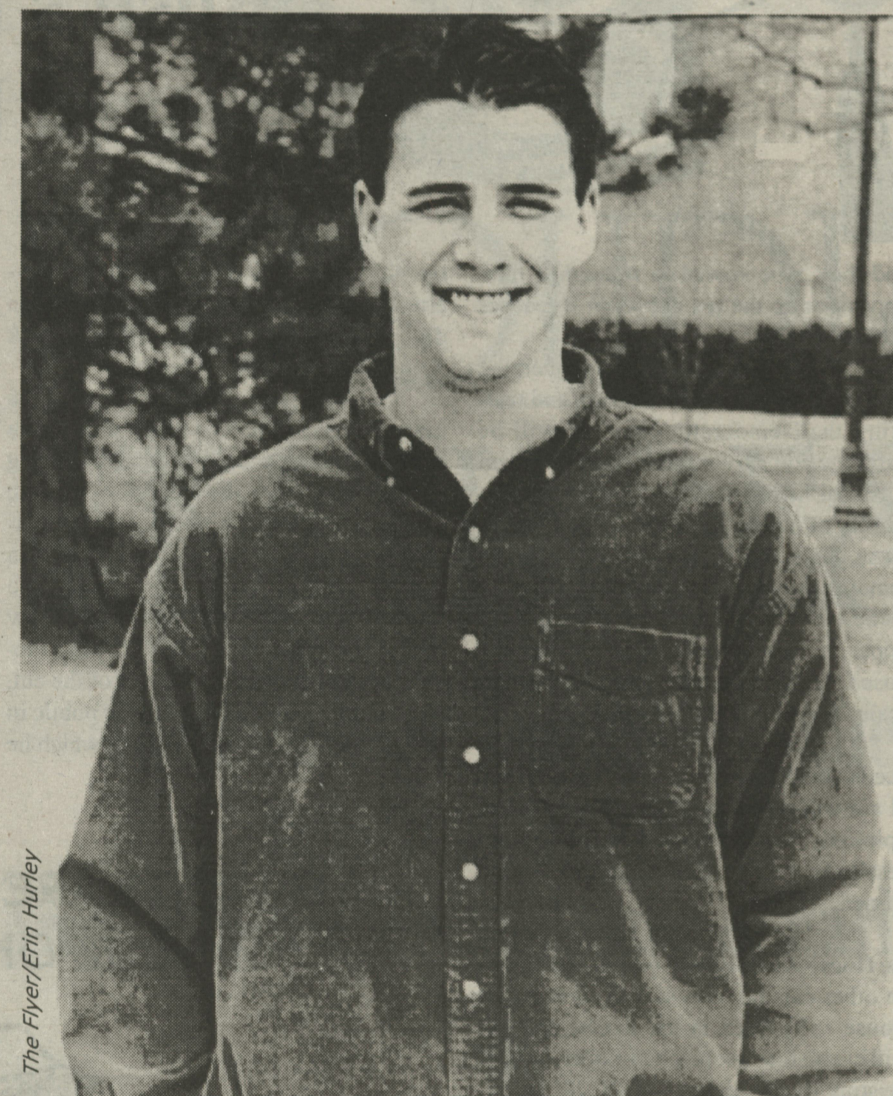
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At SSU, there are some students who talk about getting involved with the community, and some who actually do it. Matt Sochurek is an incredibly active student here at SSU. As a senior majoring in business administration with a concentration in finance, it is amazing that he still has found the time to be the outgoing individual that he is. Sochurek spends much of his time as a volunteer for Americorps, a national service organization that performs Peace Corps-oriented work on a community level.

Americorps, in conjunction with Shore Corps Pals, provides aid and service through the GI Bill, the Peace Corps, and the Points of Light Foundation to better people across the world. Through Americorps, Sochurek has been working with the local Boy Scouts in hopes to establish Boy and Cub Scout units throughout Salisbury.

"Volunteering is an important part of education that some people neglect," said Sochurek. "Americorps is great for anyone wanting to get their feet wet, and working with underprivileged kids is a good way to do that."

Americorps' services stretch far beyond working with Boy Scouts. The organization also works with children in training them for tasks they might otherwise be unprepared for. Among Americorps' edu-



Matt Sochurek, a senior Business major at SSU, is very dedicated to participating in both campus activities and community-wide programs.

cational targets are diversity training, dealing with domestic violence, and conflict resolution.

Besides being involved in Americorps, Sochurek co-coaches a Little League baseball team and has helped build houses for the homeless through Habitat for Humanity.

Sochurek's outstanding credentials are by no means limited to his extracurricular activities. With an overall 3.0 G.P.A., Sochurek hopes to utilize his knowledge of business and finance and become a mortgage broker, though his ultimate goal is to run his own mortgage firm. But for the time being until his graduation in January 2002, Sochurek appears to be quite satisfied devoting his spare time to children.

"Volunteering is good for any major, especially business," Sochurek said. "Business majors should look for a higher purpose other than making money."

Hiking, biking, and skiing with friends are among Sochurek's favorite activities, and he is also an avid follower of the stock market.

Will Sochurek make millions someday? Perhaps. But it seems as though volunteering has far exceeded the value of any stock or paycheck.

"Americorps has given me an opportunity to experience college life on a different level, one which most college kids aren't able to see," said Sochurek, "and that's character-building I will use for the rest of my life."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FYI...

Legendary Broadcast Journalist

March 28 - Daniel Schorr, the last of Edward R. Murrow's legendary CBS news team, discusses the changing face of political news reporting. "Aspiring journalists on campus can look to him for inspiration," said Dr. Haven Simmons, professor in the Communication Arts Department. Schorr's presentation is at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall. Admission is free and the public invited.

"Paint and Clay"

March 7 - April 13 - An art exhibit titled "Paint and Clay" will feature two local artists, Paula Hepburn and Marge Violetta. Hepburn is a watercolor/collage painter whom paints abstract subjects from the places she has traveled. Violetta is a clay sculptor who is fascinated with smoke firing. The exhibit is in the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center. The Gallery's hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 9, 4-6 p.m.

Education critic to speak

March 13 - Alfie Kohn, the nation's most outspoken and lively critic of educators' fixation on test scores and grades, will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall. He is the author of *The Case Against Standardized Testing: Raising the Scores, Ruining the Schools* and encourages others to join his crusade against standardized testing. The public is invited to attend and a book signing and reception will follow.

Jamaican poet to read

March 13 - Shara McCallum, born in Jamaica to an Afro-Jamaican father and Venezuelan mother, and winner of several prestigious poetry awards, is speaking at 8 p.m. in the Montgomery Room. The event is free and the public is invited. A reception follows.



Politics as usual

by Jared Silberzahn



Bush's tax plan Approved by House

Last Thursday, the House passed the heart of President Bush's tax cut proposal along party lines. With a vote of 230-198, the bill now moves on to the evenly divided Senate, though a vote will probably not come until May. The unified Republican bloc in the House was joined by 10 Democrats who crossed party lines to support the plan.

While the passing of the plan, along with steadily increasing public support for the tax cut, should be seen as a momentum builder for its passage in the Senate, all involved realize the uphill battle that is still to come. Many Democrats have been crying foul over Bush's pledge to get his cut passed as is rather than allowing for changes offered by Democrats, such as targeting the cuts more towards those in the lower tax bracket.

"Bipartisanship is over, not that it ever began," said House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt.

They say that the spirit of bipartisanship President Bush pledged to initiate in Washington is being trampled on by the very tax plan he has proposed, and the manner in which it is being passed. Democrats assert that by pushing the tax cut plan through the House so quickly, Republicans, led by Bush, are not considering the input of the Democratic leadership,

and they have vowed to strengthen their opposition to the tax cut when it reaches the Senate floor.

Perhaps sensing that heat coming from the Democratic leadership, and realizing that Democratic converts will be harder to come by in the Senate, President Bush has hinted that he is open to the possibility of having his plan tinkered with a bit in order to get it passed. Although he remains firm on the main tenets of his income-tax cuts, pundits say that those in the upper tax bracket might not get the proposed cut in full and the estate tax may be scaled back rather than abolished.

"Americans know our economy needs some immediate help," Bush said. "I am willing to listen. There are a lot of opinions," he added, referring to the necessity for compromise in getting the bill passed.

The income-tax cut that passed the House is worth \$958 billion, with votes on other cuts in taxes still to come in the House. If passed in the Senate, the bill will create four tax brackets rather than the existing five, with rates of 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 dropping to 10, 15, 25, and 33 by 2006. Democrats argue that the cut should concentrate more on the lowest tax bracket, but Bush and fellow Republicans argue that no one should have to pay more than

one-third of their income to the federal government. "This tax cut is the least we can do," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, a Republican from Texas.

Democrats are also angered by the manner Bush is lobbying for his plan. Bush is going directly to the people, and in doing so is going "over the heads" of Senate Democrats. They claim the political maneuvering of the President is not only in direct conflict with his appeal to bipartisanship, but plain rude. They know the pressure that could result if Bush's tactics motivate the public in favor of the cut. Bush is strategically lobbying the public in the states of Democratic senators which he

carried in the past election, hoping that he will put those members of Congress between a rock and a hard place, between crossing party lines or having to explain to constituents why they voted down a tax cut in their re-election bids not too far off in 2002.

Until the tax cut proposal reaches the Senate floor the House will continue to vote on various appropriations of other tax cuts, such as the child deduction and marriage tax. Meanwhile Bush and the Democratic leadership will continue to go head-to-head in front of the American people in order to prove their case of whether or not the tax cut is of the right size and scope.

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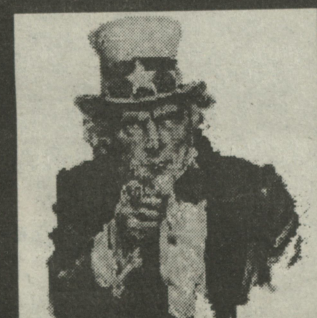
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Lax youth steps up play

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SPORTS WRITER

Last Wednesday the No. 3 ranked SSU Men's lacrosse team fought off the weather and the Gophers, beating Goucher 20-3, improving their record to 5-0 overall.

Senior midfielder Rob Bookhamer started off the scoring with 11:55 left in the first quarter on an assist from Josh Bergey.



The Gulls dominated the field last Wednesday, defeating Goucher 20-3.

"I think we player well today, we're getting better," said Bookhamer, who finished the game with three goals.

Salisbury led 3-0 in the first quarter when Goucher tallied its first goal with only 2:41 remaining. But Bookhamer would start off the second quarter, 1:07 in, with a spin move to beat Goucher's keeper, Mike Amash. Bookhamer would also end the quarter with his third and final goal.

The Sea Gulls built an 11-1 half-time advantage while out-shooting the Gophers 34-4. The Gulls were on a 14-0 run until Mike Luongo scored the

second goal of the day for Goucher at the 5:31 mark of the third quarter and Mike Harper added a third 1:11 later to make the score 17-3. This was the last run and the last goal the Gophers would see for the day.

Salisbury tagged on three more goals before the end of the game for a final score of 20-3. SSU finished with 56 shots on goal to Goucher's 12. Pat Tewes recorded three saves and Rob LaChance and Sean Kelley each had one for the Gulls.

As a senior leader, Bookhamer said that the freshmen are taking in everything they can and are listening to veteran's guidance.

This season the Sea Gulls have 20 freshmen, five that started the game against Goucher.

"With so many freshmen they're going to make mistakes, but they're coming along and working hard. I'm really proud of them," said Bookhamer.

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Women's Lax defeated

MIKE BECKMAN
SPORTS WRITER

The SSU women's lacrosse team entered their game last Thursday against St. Mary's with a record of 1-0 and ranked 11th in the country in division III. The Lady Gulls have been close to the top for the past few years and this year is no exception. However, this game did not go as planned as they were upset by CAC conference opponent St. Mary's 9-7.

The tough loss will drop the Gulls down in the rankings and leaves the Gulls with a record of 1-1 and a conference record of 0-1. The Gulls will now have to regroup and try to rebound from a most unexpected loss this early in the season to an unranked opponent.

Senior attack Jen Mezzadra and junior attack Christine Sliger led the Gulls in this game. Mezzadra had four goals and two assists, while Sliger added two goals and four assists. The two accounted for six of the Lady Gulls' seven goals and kept the Gulls in the game, giving them a chance to win. Unfortunately, the Gulls were not able to remain undefeated.

The Gulls' next game was a breeze

as they soared past Alfred 20-6, making their record 2-1. Christine Sliger had a school record with 10 assists in the game.

So far this season, Mezzadra and Sliger have led the Gulls in total points. Sliger is tops thus far with 25 points and Mezzadra trails with 21 total points. Third on the team in scoring is Amanda Almon with 11 points.

Freshman Karin Michalwicz who has a .470 save percentage so far has led the Gulls in goals. Sophomore Dena Glison has also seen some time in the net and has a save percentage of .250. Between the two of them they are averaging seven saves per game and a save percentage of .447.



Despite high expectations, the Lady Gulls lost 9-7 to St. Mary's.

Commentary—Media Made

STEVE MCINTOSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Have all sport figures turned into the most rotten and immoral people left in society, or has the media just lead us to believe this?

Two more names have been added to the list of athletes that have done something wrong and gotten caught doing so. Isaiah Rider of the Los Angeles Lakers and Lamar Odom of the cross locker room Clippers have violated the NBA's drug policy.

Are today's athletes so much worse in the moral department than those of past generations? The answer is a flat-out "no."

To look back at the legendary heroes of sports, fans would most likely find many similarities to the modern-day "bad boy" athletes. Babe Ruth, for example, was well-known for his heavy

consumption of large quantities of alcohol during prohibition and solicitation of prostitutes. In fact, the idea is also widely accepted that Ruth at the same time used many harder drugs of the day such as opium while out on his escapades.

In the same breath as Ruth comes Ty Cobb. If Cobb was alive today, he would almost certainly be declared mentally insane. Cobb was a bigot to the highest degree and an alcoholic, going through bottles of liquor a day. Cobb's mental status was so questionable that once he was attacked and stabbed, slicing a nerve in his shoulder, told no one of it and ended up playing in the game that day.

So why this change in the way we view and the way players express themselves? The answer is simply the media.

What would Ruth and Cobb be in the public if they were portrayed in the media as the way they were off the field in earlier societies? Probably the same light

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March Madness preview

SEAN IANUCCI
SPORTS WRITER

The anxiety of Midnight Madness has passed. Whether stressing between a number one and number two seed, or simply praying for one more game, 65 colleges are now equal; they were all invited to the Big Dance. Tonight, the party starts.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament, the most elaborate play-off system in sports, begins today in Dayton, Ohio. The No. 65 and No. 64 seeded teams meet in a "play in" game to determine who receives the sixty-fourth and final spot. The game signifies the first step towards weeks of chaos, heartbreak, and great basketball.

The 2001 season left many questions to be answered in this year's tournament. The powerhouse teams are clear: Stanford, Duke, Michigan St., and North Carolina. The remaining field, however, contains teams that have dethroned these tyrants and see no difference doing it in March. A closer look at breakdowns of the major conferences and the top 25 poll helps clear up the picture.

Atlantic Coast Conference

The ACC lays claim to one of the best conferences in basketball. It contains the No. 2, 3, and 4 offenses in the country in Duke, Maryland, and Virginia. Joseph Forte is among the nation's leaders in scoring and looks to guide No. 5 North Carolina to another Final Four appearance. Maryland's final week wins over Duke and Virginia silenced critics and makes them a force in the tournament. Shane Battier and Jayson Williams are both

up for player of the year and lead the favored Blue Devils.

Big Ten

Along with the ACC, No. 2 Duke and No. 5 North Carolina, the Big Ten provides two of the nation's top five teams. Number 3 Michigan State is top five in defense and scoring margin and will look to repeat as national champions, despite losing star players. Number 4 Illinois will try to continue its stellar season behind top scorer and player of the year candidate, Corey Bradford. Watch out for No. 21 Wisconsin who enters the tournament with the nation's No. 1 offense, allowing only 56.6 points per game.

Big 12

Number 8 Iowa St. tops the Big 12 as the premiere team. Tournament experience, however, make No. 16 Oklahoma, No. 22 Texas, and especially No. 10 Kansas serious threats.

Big East

Number 9 Boston College leads the Big East into the tournament with a 23-4 regular season record. Troy Murphy, one of the nation's top scorers, looks to propel #18 Notre Dame as well as Sherpert Williams with No. 14 Syracuse. Number 19 Georgetown and Providence both look for a return to tournament success.

Pac 10

The No. 1 Stanford Cardinals plan to carry their regular season dominance into the dance. Led by Jarron Collins, Stanford leads the country in scoring margin deficit, outpointing opponents by an average of 19.4 points. Senior Michael Wright and No. 7 Arizona along with Jason Kapona and No. 17 UCLA look to replicate their national championship predecessors of the 1990s.

SEC

Florida is looking to appear in the championship game again, this year lead by standout Udonis Haslem. The No. 11 Mississippi Bulldogs along with the No. 24 Tennessee Volunteers will try to glorify the SEC in the tournament. Kentucky returned to prominence after a stint of unranked play. The No. 15 Wildcats have become a late season force behind superb Tayshaun Prince.

Examination of the major conferences helps set aside the probable forces of the tournament. But the tournament would not be complete without sleeper teams and Cinderella upsets.

Atop the list of potential sleepers: No. 23 St. Joseph's, Fresno State, Hofstra, Cincinnati, and Gonzaga. Remember the name Marvin O'Connor, for he and St. Joe's will turn a few heads. Jerry Tarkanian returns to the tournament with his Fresno Bulldogs, who may advance with their explosive offense. Hofstra holds the longest winning streak in nation, finishing the season with 15 straight victories. Cincinnati has neither a top seed nor a national ranking on its shoulders and may unexpectedly upset a

top seed. Finally, Gonzaga, the nation's favorite Cinderella team, will more than likely continue their role as eternal up setter. They are propelled by standout Casey Calvary and the No. 10 offense in the nation.

When the smoke clears, a national champion will be crowned, but not before the 2001 tournament provides a span filled with great games, prime time players, and constant madness.



Golden age

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in which Allen Iverson and many of today's stars are portrayed as thugs.

The media is a very powerful thing. In the same era as Ruth in baseball there was Bill Tilden in tennis. Tilden was the man that put tennis in the forefront in the United States. In the early years of his career he was renowned for his dominance on the court. What the media and the member of sports high society knew was that Tilden was a homosexual. In the twilight of his career and life, Tilden was outed by the media. His escapades with younger men were front-page material and Tilden went from a national hero to an outcast, all because of the media.

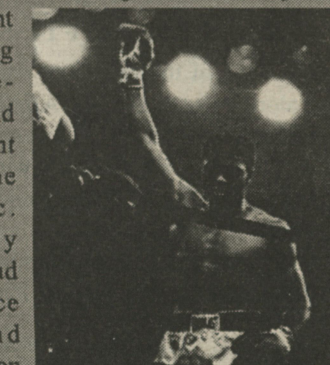
This is not the only reason why the view of athletes has changed because of the media. Athletes have also learned how to use the media as a tool to let them be known. The leader of this forefront was Muhammad Ali. He was the first to learn that the media would pay attention to you much more if you were loud and boisterous. He also learned that once they discovered the spectacle that you are, you have a chance to reveal the inner you and become a legend.

This brought athletes beyond

the point of being courteous and obedient to the public. They now had a voice beyond that of on the court, which they could determine and mold into their own. This has allowed athletes to show the wild outfit, hair, and tattoos that are so prominent today.

Extra exposure is not necessarily a bad thing though. Perhaps the athletes of the past were shown to be much cleaner cut, giving better examples to children and being better icons for society. At the same time, however, these athletes are not being real.

Sports of today goes so much beyond the game. There are twists and plots that are just as exciting off the field as on. It is in a way a microcosm for society. There are the bad (Rae Carruth) that we hear too much about, the good (Darl Green) that we don't hear enough about, and the just plain weird (Dennis Rodman) that just won't go away.



On Tap...

Home Games

Men's Lax vs. Denison
Wednesday March 14, 3:00 p.m.
Women's Lax vs. College of New Jersey
Saturday March 17, 1:00 pm
SSU Sea Gull Invitational (Softball)
Friday and Saturday March 16-17, 8:30 a.m.

Softball vs. Bates

Sunday March 18, 11:00 a.m.
Men's & Women's Tennis vs. College of New Jersey
Wednesday March 14, 3:00 pm

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NFL free agency in full steam

SEAN IANUCCI
SPORTS WRITER

As teams in the National Football League prepare for the draft, they must first concentrate on the overwhelming amount of free agents that have flooded the market this year.

NFL teams had until the March 2nd deadline to sign their own free agents before other teams could have an opportunity to sign them. If the player did not sign by that deadline he becomes an unrestricted free agent and any team can make that player an offer. The player's original team then has the opportunity to match any offer that is made to the player.

The reason so many key free agents have been released by their teams or have not been signed by their team is because of the salary cap restrictions. The salary cap is currently at \$67.4 million and is broken up into three sections: signing bonus prorations, base salaries and incentives, including roster and reporting bo-

nuses. The signing bonus proration is an opportunity for a team to save money against the salary cap and at the same time please a player. The way the signing bonus works is that it is prorated over the life of the contract. For example, a \$3 million signing bonus on a three year contract would pay the player \$1 million a year. That way the player still gets all the money he wants, but the money is distributed over the life of the contract. If a player has a \$3 million signing bonus on a three-year contract that has a \$500,000 base salary and a \$500,000 roster bonus, he accounts for \$2 million of the team's \$67.4 salary cap.

The salary cap goes up a little each year, but the problem is that big time players are getting big time contracts from their teams. Some teams end up giving too many players large contracts and then the team cannot afford to keep everyone together. So teams are forced to either cut or not resign certain players to keep the main chemistry of the team.

The team that is currently in worst position from the \$67.4 million salary cap limit is the Washington Redskins, who currently has only \$81,000 remaining in cap room. The team with the highest amount of money invested in its players put itself in a bad situation last year when owner Daniel Snyder when on a shopping frenzy looking for as many good players as possible. He gave players such as Deion Sanders and Bruce Smith large contracts over a long period of time, even though these players probably will not even play football for as long as their contracts were for.

Within the last two weeks, true football fans have been keeping their eyes on the ESPN ticker that lets everyone know the recent news in the world of sports, including the most recent signings in the NFL. The most interesting signings to date have had to be at the quarterback position. The Baltimore Ravens made a huge stride to returning to last years excellence by signing former Kansas City Chief quarterback Elvis Grbac to a 5-year \$30 million contract that included an \$11 million signing bonus. The Ravens complete interest turned to Grbac when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers signed former Redskins quarterback Brad Johnson to a 5-year \$28 million contract that included a \$6.5 million signing bonus. The Ravens were talking to both Grbac and Johnson and were forced to make a move for Grbac when Johnson signed with the Buccaneers.

The Buccaneers also signed former San Diego Chargers quarterback Ryan Leaf after the Chargers put him on waivers. This was a move that put last year's starting quarterback, Shaun King, in a position to fall from the starter to possibly third string. The Seattle Seahawks made their move for a quarterback when they traded the Green Bay Packers a first round pick (10th overall) and a third round pick for Matt Hasselbeck and the Packers first round pick (17th overall). A move that happened after the Packers gave starting quarterback Brett Favre a lifetime contract worth \$101 million for 10 years. The Buffalo Bills decision to keep Rob Johnson as their starting quarterback resulted in Doug Flutie being available to teams in need of a quarterback. The Chargers were the first team to jump on this and met with Flutie last week. The other big name free agent quarterbacks that could make a difference are Jon Kitna, Gus Frerotte, and Trent Dilfer, in which the Cincinnati Bengals have showed interest in all three.

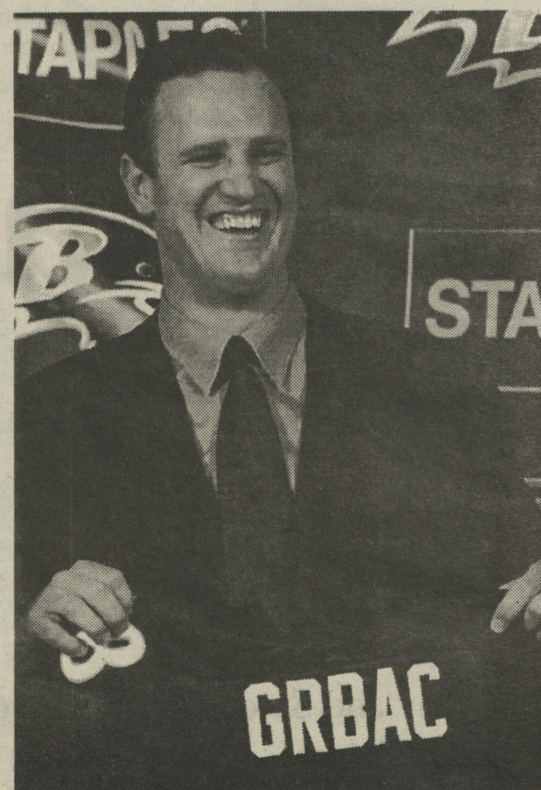
Not only have quarterbacks been a hot commodity, but

other big name players have also been very well rewarded for their services.

In addition to Hasselbeck, the Seahawks helped their defensive line by signing defensive tackle John Randle to a five-year, \$25 million contract after the Minnesota Vikings released him. The New Orleans Saints picked up former Redskins wide receiver Albert Connell and gave him a five-year \$14 million contract. A move that could ensure the Redskins to choose a wide receiver in the draft, in particular Santana Moss. The Oakland Raiders resigned wide receiver James Jett who is a huge part of their offense and also signed last year's sack leader and former Miami Dolphin defensive end Trace Armstrong.

A couple of teams have managed to hold on to key free agents who have been important to the teams past success. The New York Giants made cornerback Jason Sehorn the highest paid corner in the league when they gave him a six-year \$36 million contract including a \$10 million signing bonus. The Dolphins made a similar move by making Olindo Mare the highest paid kicker in the NFL when they gave him a six-year, \$12 million contract. Finally, the Pittsburgh Steelers gave running back Jerome Bettis a six-year, \$30 million contract to ensure some stability in the backfield.

As the NFL draft approaches in late April, we can expect to see many more free agent signings. Many of these signings will have a direct impact on the outcome of the draft as well as the outcome of next season.



Frosh step up

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One of the freshmen who has come along is Andy Arnold. Arnold has stepped up on the offensive line and has earned a starting position, showing up big against Goucher with three goals and two assists.

"I definitely feel pressure and I'm still a little bit nervous, but I'm get-

ting used to playing a lot and starting," said Arnold.

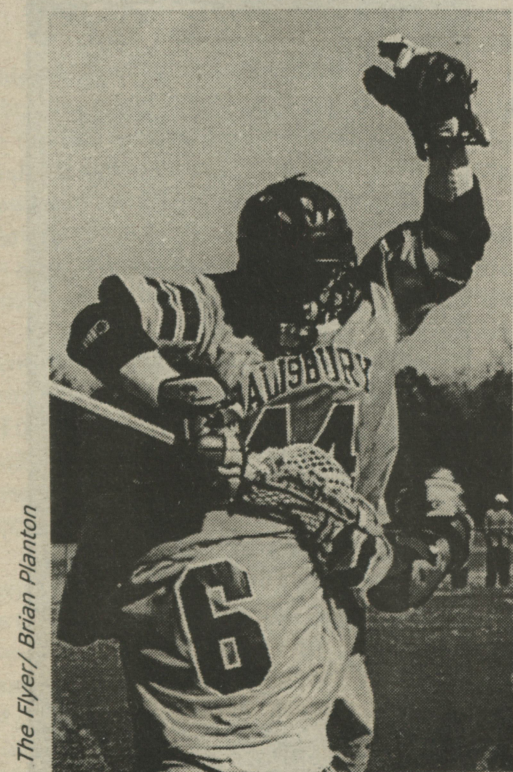
Thirteen different players scored for Salisbury in Wednesday's game. Andrew Robson, Steve Brianas, and Mike Roberts each had two goals. Josh Bergey led the Gulls in assist with three.

Coach Jim Berkman said his team played hard and well. "We started to move the ball better. We didn't shoot the ball very well in the beginning, but we dominated. We had thirteen different scorers and the defense limited Goucher's opportunities," Berkman said.

For the rest of the season the Sea Gulls will play against all nationally ranked teams.

"This is when the real season starts," said Bookhamer. "Those little passes and goals that have gotten through, won't against the big teams. But the young guys are learning and improving."

Berkman said he realizes that mistakes will be made but expresses that they are getting better each and every day. With such a new group of players there is a lot of pressure to perform and perform well, but according to Bookhamer, the veterans have the utmost confidence in the rookies.



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The Gulls celebrate Wednesday's victory.



Conference Standings

2001 CAC Men's Lacrosse Standings

School	CAC Games				Overall Record			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
SSU	4	0	1.000	-	4	0	1.000	W4
St. Mary's	1	1	.500	1.0	3	1	.750	W1
Marymount	0	0	-	0.5	3	0	1.000	W3
Mary Wash.	0	0	-	0.5	0	0	-	-
Goucher	0	0	-	0.5	2	0	1.000	W2
York	0	1	.000	0.5	0	1	.000	L1
Catholic	0	1	.000	1.0	0	1	.000	L1

2001 CAC Women's Lacrosse Standings

School	CAC Games				Overall Record			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Mary Wash.	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-
SSU	0	-	-	-	1	0	1.000	W1
St. Mary's	0	0	-	-	2	0	1.000	W2
Catholic	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-
Goucher	0	0	-	-	1	0	1.000	W1
Marymount	0	0	-	-	1	1	.500	W1

2001 CAC Baseball Standings

School	CAC Games				Overall			School	Streak
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T		
York	0	0	-	-	1	3	0	.250	L1
St. Mary's	2	0	1.000	-	4	1	0	.800	L1
SSU	2	0	1.000	-	3	1	0	.750	W2
Mary Wash.	0	1	.000	-	5	1	0	.833	L1
Catholic	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	-
Gallaudet	0	0	-	-	0	4	0	.000	L4

2001 CAC Softball Standings

	CAC Games				Overall Record				
School	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T	PCT	Streak
SSU	2	0	1.000	-	3	1	0	.500	W1
York	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	-
Catholic	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	-
Gallaudet	0	2	.000	2	0	2	0	.000	L2
Mary Wash.	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	-

CAC Basketball Awards

Men's

First Team All-CAC

Dallas Crawley-Junior-Marymount University
Dan Dupras-Sophomore-Mary Washington College
Pat Maloney-Senior-Catholic University
Andy O'Brien-Sophomore-York College
Sheldon Taylor-Senior-St. Mary's College

Second Team All-CAC

Andre Coles-Senior-Marymount University
Harvey Davis-Senior-St. Mary's College
Matt Hilleary-Sophomore-Catholic University
Victor Jackson-Junior-Salisbury State University
Doug King-Junior-Salisbury State University
Jeremias Valencia-Sophomore-Gallaudet University

Player of the Year: Sheldon Taylor-St. Mary's College

Rookie of the Year: Will Morley-Catholic University

Co-Coaches of the Year: Mike Lonergan-Catholic University and Rod Wood-Mary Washington College

Women's

First Team All-CAC

Candice Brown-Junior-Marymount University
Erin Caulfield-Senior-Mary Washington
Tenille McCatty-Senior-St. Mary's College
Lisa Neylan-Senior-Salisbury State University
Touria Ouahid-Senior-Gallaudet University

Second Team All-CAC

Elisabeth Barfuss-Senior-Salisbury State University
Amy Campion-Sophomore-Salisbury State University
Felicia Harris-Senior-St. Mary's College
Rachel Taylor-Senior-Marymount University
Jessica Young-Senior-Goucher College

Player of the Year: Touria Ouahid-Gallaudet

Rookie of the Year: Katie Jarvis-Marymount University

Coach of the Year: Bridget Benshtler-Salisbury State University

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SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON ΣΑΕ

First, I must apologize to all our faithful readers for not appearing in *The Flyer* the last couple of weeks. Happy birthdays go out to Rez, Drago, and Moler. Thanks to the girls' Rugby team for the social. I guess we all know how far three dollars can get you. Andy, just think, this was fake money—wonder what three real dollars could get you on Church Street. Congrats to the new guys—now the fun begins. Hey DG, toilet paper in trees? Don't worry, I'm sure Snow Hill and Olive will find a very unique way to get you back. And now for the important news! Paddy Murphy will be April 21, tickets will be \$10, and they will go on sale the day after spring break. Top three things left and Snow Hill last week: a car for 2 days, 2 cell phones found out in the field, and I'm sure something was left in the "Gun Rack."

DELTA GAMMA ΦΜ

Congratulations to our newly appointed Anchor Splash chair, Jenna Abbott. A belated thanks to Ginger and Alyssa for all of the time and hard work they put into a successful Founder's

Day. We hope that all the new members enjoyed the mystery of last week's big/little revealing! The ladies of Somerset are currently conducting an investigation of whom to seek their revenge on! So BEWARE boys—we are hot on your trail! Thanks to Abby and the guy's soccer team for a great tie up event on Saturday. The countdown to spring breaks is on—only four days left until the big week!

PHI MU ΔΓ

Hey Ladies! Great Job to everyone who helped with State Day!! It was a blast thanks so much to the EC for all their hardwork!! Congratulations to our new Phis: Karrie, Darla, Melissa, Julie, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Lauren, Emily, Maura, Eliana, Kristi, and Lonna! We love you girls!! Emily, watch your balance! Darla, how did you get that SOAP shirt? Shannon how comfy was the couch? Julie C. keep your spirits up you are an awesome pres and we all love you lots!!! When is the next trip to IHOP?? Everyone have a great break and be safe! Miami here I come!! See ya after break....

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MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall, room 213. This scholarship was established to provide funding to students who are Maryland residents pursuing teacher certification. The scholarship amount is \$5,000 annually and is renewable. To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- May apply as a high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student
- Must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student in a program leading to professional teacher certification
- Must agree to work as a full-time classroom teacher in the Maryland public school system one year for each year the award is received
- Must be a Maryland resident. If you are a dependent, your parents must be Maryland residents

Students who are currently receiving the Maryland Teacher Scholarship do not need reapply. The award is automatically renewed as long as the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

STUDENT SPEAKER FOR MAY COMMENCEMENT

The University Graduation Committee is again seeking eligible students to deliver a brief address to graduating seniors this May. Criteria for eligibility include a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (including Winter '01 if applicable) and completion of at least 60 semester hours at SSU of which at least 30 semester hours are in 300 or 400 level courses (grades of A, B, or C). If you are interested and eligible for consideration for this honor, pick up an application and time line in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office in the University Center, room 212. Application and speech must be submitted by noon, March 16.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Want to get involved? Want to join an awesome campus organization? Come see what RHA is all about! Meetings are every Sunday night at 8 PM in the Pocomoke Room. Here are some of our upcoming events...

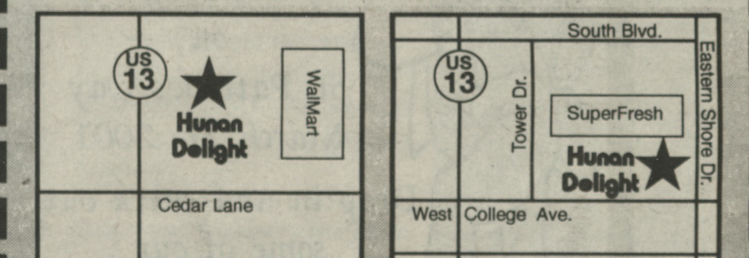
Our second annual Spring Fling "Under the Boardwalk" Will be held Saturday March 31 from 8 PM - Midnight. Tickets are \$7 per person, \$12 per couple.

Spring Olympics is almost here! April 19-21... are you ready?

Briefly Stateds and Greek Forums can also be accepted via e-mail: flyer@ssu.edu
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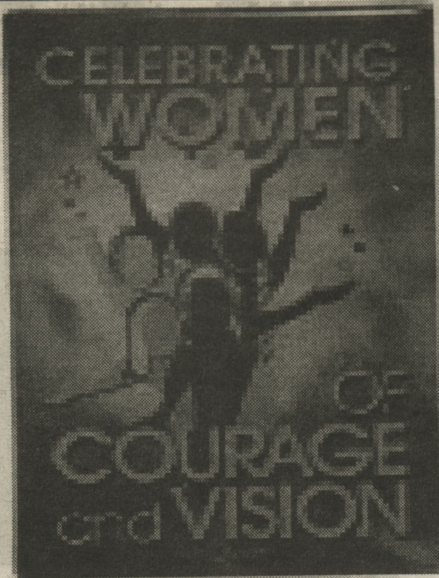
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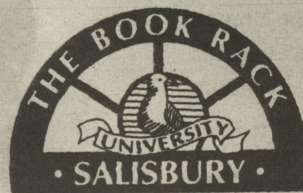
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